



# WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

*"Strive, Believe, Achieve"*

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## Our school Values

Honesty ~ Excellence ~ Respect ~ Resilience ~ Perseverance

Our Moral Purpose - Students will be able to choose a life that has meaning.

**Warracknabeal Secondary College is committed to child safety (Ministerial Order No. 870) and takes all reasonable steps to ensure that the safety of our students is paramount.**

## PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

*Term 1 Week 4  
23<sup>rd</sup> February,  
2017*

The Swimming Sports on Tuesday was the perfect way to come together as a community and celebrate all the great things that sport has to offer. The weather was sensational and complemented what was an outstanding day exemplifying our school values of excellence, respect and perseverance. I was immensely proud of our students, whether they were competing and trying their best for their team, volunteering in the canteen/BBQ, and/or cheering on their peers in the pool. The respect shown by all members made it the most enjoyable sports day I have attended, with numerous stories of courage and care shown by students. I want to thank Dale Shannon and Will Richardson for their work in putting together the day and the staff for managing the event. Thank you to the family and friends who came to support students; it provided a great atmosphere and I enjoyed chatting with many of you. I trust that we can live up to this standard at the Athletics Carnival held later in the term.

Next week we have a number of camps and excursions running. I am looking forward to joining the VCAL students for a camping experience near Geelong and then visiting the Year 7 students on camp on the way back. Although running these events are an extra workload for staff, the benefit to students is well worth the effort. Please make the most of these opportunities when they arise as we want all students to benefit. Just as missing classes is a missed opportunity to learn, missing a camp or excursion can result in students missing a significant opportunity to learn and grow with their peers and teachers. We make every effort to make them as affordable as possible, but if there are any issues please contact the office as early as possible so we can make arrangements before the camp runs so no-one misses out.

**Michael Briggs-Miller**

Principal

**Absence Hotline - 5398 1433 Or email**

**Charmaine – Mon, Tues and Fri - [wilson.charmaine.m@edumail.vic.gov.au](mailto:wilson.charmaine.m@edumail.vic.gov.au)**

**Chelsea – Wed and Thurs - [smith.chelsea.r@edumail.vic.gov.au](mailto:smith.chelsea.r@edumail.vic.gov.au)**

Please notify the school by 12 noon on the day of the absence.

## ACTING ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL – Heath Schulz

### Swimming sports.

It was great to see a large number of senior students at the swimming sports on Tuesday. I am incredibly proud of the participation, support and encouragement of others by the senior students. A special mention must go to the Sports Captain's, who rallied their team to make the 2017 swimming sports one to remember.

### Edrolo

I have recently obtained a free 6-8 trial for an online study resource for VCE classes called Edrolo. Many VCE staff participated in an introductory training session with teachers providing excellent feedback. I am currently setting up the trial, which will start before the end of term. At the conclusion of the trial teachers will be seeking student feedback to determine if implementing Edrolo will not only be useful but affordable.

### Relay for life

Just a reminder that relay for life is at Coughlin Park on March 17-18. The WSC team will be needing parental support with supervision this year. If you are happy to help out, can you please contact myself at the school ASAP. Registration information has been posted on the Edmodo Bulletin and the school Facebook page or you can use the following link: [http://fundraising.cancer.org.au/site/TR?team\\_id=52822&pg=team&fr\\_id=4211](http://fundraising.cancer.org.au/site/TR?team_id=52822&pg=team&fr_id=4211). Excursion forms and details will be distributed closer to the date. It is great to see a growing number of students and teachers signing up already and that SRC will be assisting with fundraising.

### Leaving school grounds permission form.

I have recently developed a permission form to replace the note required for a 'lunch pass'. Any student who has not received a new form needs to collect one from the office.

### VCAL.

It is great to see that the VCAL students are steadily working through their OHS modules and most are now out on work placement and/or completing projects. Students will also attend a 3 day camp at Torquay next week. I am sure that stronger working relationships will be forged and a lot of fun will be had.

### Heath Schulz

Acting Assistant Principal

### [Like us on Facebook.](#)



We are up to 807 LIKES on the Warracknabeal Secondary College Facebook page. If you haven't already "liked" our page make sure you do so you can get updates on what's happening around the school.

## ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL – WHITNEY MUNROE

This week in the middle school we are focused on safety, sport and enjoying the beautiful weather. We had a great swimming sport day on Tuesday with a few students breaking past records and swimming to success. There was fantastic camaraderie among all students as they cheered each other on, congratulated the winners, and supported their peers in the water. We are proud of all of our students for their team spirit and positivity!

Our Year 7 Transition Camp will be running next week at Cave Hill Creek outside of Beaufort. We have many activities planned including bouldering, raft building, bicycling, and canoeing. Students will have an opportunity to connect with each other and the Year 10 buddies. The staff who will be attending the camp are Akira Goto, Megan Huisman, Sophie Emmett, Greg McKinnon and Whitney Munroe. We are looking forward to a great time outdoors with the Year 7s. If you are a parent of a Year 7 student, please ensure that you have completed the camp forms and returned them to the office along with payment by 24 February at the latest.

During recess and lunch, staff have been increasingly focused on the safety of our students. As the weather is still hot and sunny, students need to be wearing their hats to protect against the sun. Please encourage your student to wear their hat while outside. We are also conducting locker checks to ensure that students are keeping their belongings safe and locked correctly. If your student is struggling with their lock, please have them see Sophie Emmett to get this sorted.

### Whitney Munroe

Assistant Principal of Middle School

## School Council

Nominations are now open for two parent vacancies on our school council. If you are an enthusiastic parent interested in getting more involved and having a say in what our school is doing, or know someone who is, we would love to hear from you. We are looking for people who are committed to improving the educational outcomes for all our students. Effective councils have a broad range of experience, skills and expertise. Face-to-face and online training is also available to help councillors develop the skills and knowledge for the job. Parents find their involvement satisfying and may also find that their children feel a greater sense of belonging. Please contact the office to discuss further or to pick up a nomination form.

**Nominations close on the 23<sup>rd</sup> of February.**

## From the Office:

If you would like to make payments towards your school fees we have a BPay system. You can ring or call into the office to receive your BPay number.

## Conveyance Allowance – Eligibility - Semester 1

1. To receive a conveyance allowance individual students must meet all of the following criteria:
2. Attend a school/campus located outside Melbourne's Urban Growth Boundary (UGB).
3. Attend the closest appropriate school/campus
4. Reside 4.8km or more from the school/campus (shortest practicable route calculated by school at time of application from the student's home to the school/campus attended) or 4.8km from home to the student's bus stop.
5. Be of school age (between 5 and 18 years old at the time of application), and a resident of Victoria
6. Be enrolled and travelling to school three or more days per week.

Application forms can be obtained from the front office.

**New application forms must be completed for existing recipients**

# Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund

- The Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund helps ensure that no student misses out on the opportunity to join their classmates for important, educational and fun activities. It is part of making Victoria the Education State and the Government's commitment to breaking the link between a student's background and their achievements.
- CSEF will be provided to eligible families to cover the costs of school trips, camps and sporting activities.
- If you hold a valid means-tested concession card or are a temporary foster parent, you may be eligible for CSEF.
- The allowance is paid to the school to use towards expenses relating to camps, excursions or sporting activities for the benefit of your child.

The annual CSEF amount per student is:

- \$125 for primary school students
- \$225 for secondary school students

**How to Apply:** Contact the school office to obtain a CSEF application form or print and return the form located at the end of the newsletter.

## 2017 Year 7 Uniform Pack for CSEF recipients

In 2017 every Year 7 government school student who is a recipient of CSEF automatically qualifies to receive a uniform pack that is provided through State Schools' Relief.

If your child receives CSEF assistance and is in Year 6 in 2016 you can ask for a uniform pack to be provided by State Schools' Relief through the secondary school your child is enrolled to attend in 2017.

Parents who have already purchased their child's uniform for 2017 and then become a CSEF recipient can still apply for a CSEF Year 7 Uniform Pack in 2017.

## What is in the CSEF 2017 Year 7 uniform pack?

The uniform pack includes basic uniform items needed to start secondary school.

For Year 6 students commencing Year 7 in 2017 State Schools' Relief will provide one item from each row of the table provided.

### **Boys**

Black leather shoes – Lace up / Skate  
Jumper / Jacket / Bomber / Rugby Top  
Shorts / Trousers  
Long Sleeve / Short Sleeve Shirt

### **Girls**

Black leather shoes – Lace up / T-Bar / Skate  
Jumper / Jacket / Bomber / Rugby Top  
Summer Dress / Winter Skirt + Shirt / Trousers + Shirt  
/Shorts + Shirt

**If above is NOT a Summer Dress then select either:**

Long Sleeve Shirt / Short Sleeve Shirt.  
All students will also receive one free pair of shoes supplied directly from SSR.

**Please call in at the office to collect forms.**

## Leaving school grounds permission form.

We have recently developed a permission form to replace the note required for a 'lunch pass'. Any student who currently has a pass will be given a new form from the office and any student who requires one can obtain one from the office.

## STUDENT CONCESSION CARDS

Students over the age of 15 years are eligible to claim for a Student Concession Card for travel on Public Transport. **All year 10 students are required to have a concession card if they are going on the year 10 trip.**  
**Further details and forms are available from the Office.**

## Student accident insurance, ambulance cover arrangements and private property brought to school

Parent, guardians and students are reminded that the school does not provide personal accident insurance or ambulance cover for students.

## **WELLBEING REPORT:**

We have had an awesome few weeks here at Warracknabeal Secondary College. Kicking off with our welcome BBQ for the year 7 families last Tuesday, was a fantastic opportunity for students, parents and staff to connect and develop their relationships in order to help their students and the families navigate through secondary college in the best way for each of them in their own way. I for one loved getting to serve up a feast and connect with some of the parents of the amazing students here WSC.

We also had our school swimming sports just this week which were a huge success. The students got very involved and supported their fellow team mates. It was great to see such amazing team spirit and to witness some record breaking swimming. I may still be recovering from a rather physical student VS staff race.

This week we also held a 'Respectful relationships' session on Monday morning with the whole school. We focused this discussion on 'will we be part of the problem or part of the solution' when it comes to disrespectful behaviour towards other students, staff and people in general. We had some truly fantastic feedback from staff and students in regards to the session and their outlook on our school community. But also found out areas in which we as a school can improve on. These things don't change overnight, however as a school we are committed and dedicated to improving as much as we can for every single student.

Lastly, I am very excited to be heading off on our Year 7 transition camp once again next week. Three days at Cave Hill Creek with the awesome Year 7s doing some great activities, I can't wait. I look forward to sharing some photos and stories with you all when we get back.

That's all for now, thanks and have a fantastic weekend.

**Greg McKinnon**

WSC Student Wellbeing Worker.

## **House Captains**

Here they are, our newly elected house captains for 2017! Your main roles will include organising your houses students into their respective events at the Interhouse Swimming and Athletics sports and Cross Country and also to be a leader amongst your peers. You have gotten off to a great start with your captaincy duties at this week's Swimming sports, working hard to ensure you had all spots filled in every event for your house. We wish you all the best for the rest of the year with this responsibility, as we are positive you will take on this role with both hands!

**Will Richardson**

Sports Trainee



## Records Broken at the Warracknabeal Secondary College Swimming Carnival

On Tuesday the 21st of February, students competed in the 2017 WSC Swimming Carnival. Students earned points for their houses – Borung, Henty and Wimmera – by winning races, assisting with the organisation of the Carnival and for their team spirit. In the end, Borung won the day overall continuing their winning streak, though Henty house caused a stir by winning the girls aggregate. The house cup results were much closer than in previous years.

Multiple students also gained recognition for breaking old records. Henty's star swimmer, Lily Eldridge, broke 3 records, including a 50 metre freestyle race, toppling a record set in 1964. Another record Lily broke was the 13-14 year old girls' 4x50 meter relay along with her team consisting of Molly Fagan, Brooklyn Hellam and Delta Wardle.

Although the girls broke many records, the boys weren't entirely left out, with Lachlan Golder, Sandon Schultz, Cody Gebert and William Drage breaking the record for the 15/16 year old boys' 4x50 meter freestyle relay.

Overall, the teachers were really impressed by the house spirit that everyone demonstrated, especially in cheering on their house and the students swimming.

The age champions for the boys were:

- **12-13 years:** Josiah Keam, with Dylan Watts runner up
- **14 years:** Tom Wright, with Angus Jardine runner up
- **15 years:** Will Drage, with Kael Zanker runner up
- **16 years:** tied between Sandon Schultz and Patrick Lindsay
- **17- 20 years:** Isaac McPherson, with Brandon Cramp runner up

The age champions for the girls were:

- **12-13 years:** Molly Fagan, with Rhiana Keys runner up
- **14 years:** Lily Eldridge, with Brooklyn Hallam runner up
- **15 years:** Imogen Holland, with Brooke Morrow runner up
- **16 years:** Kiarna Taylor, with Rose Sleep runner up
- **17- 20 years:** Brodie Hallam, with Tenaya Zanker runner up



By **Cody Gebert and Brinley Munn**

## Enviro news



Do you know how big a Megalitre is?

The enviro group has been looking into our water usage at the school and discovered that our water usage between the hours of 10pm and 2am is on average 3000L per night. That adds up to over 1 million litres of treated drinking water per year! In other words, enough water to cover 1 hectare to a depth of 100mm.

We've also measured our water tanks and found that we have the capacity to store that much rain water! Time to work out a solution and save resources...

By the **Enviro Group**



# Careers Report

## **VTAC Selection data for 2017 Entry**

Congratulations to our 2016 Year 12 students who were offered university places in Victoria and interstate in Round 1. 82% of our students who applied through VTAC received an offer for their first preferences. 88% of students received an offer for one of their top three preferences. We wish these students, many of whom are moving this week to Melbourne, Geelong, Bendigo and Ballarat, all the best for their studies.

## **VCAL/VET Workplacement**

It's great to see a few students accessing the Departments online Structured Workplace Learning portal to set up their placements for their VET course or their VCAL program. The portal has information on placements available in our area. Check out: <http://www.workplacements.education.vic.gov.au>

## **Work Experience 2017**

Year 10 & 11 students are required to complete work experience in 2017. Dates are: Year 11 the week of the 19<sup>th</sup> June and Year 10 the week of the 26<sup>th</sup> June. Please take the opportunity to speak to your students about what type of career they may be interested in. We would love to help your student to secure a place that will help develop an interest in a particular career and motivate them as they work towards that career. If your student has an interest in work experience in the fields of health care, graphic design, photography or childcare they may need to start preparing for this very early in the year. Students will be discussing and arranging for their work experience during Study Hall on a Wednesday. VET Students will need to see me during their spares. Please feel free to contact me at school on 53981433 to discuss.

## **PERMANENT-PART TIME POSITION**

### **JUNIOR STAFF MEMBER**

Dunmunkle Lodge Inc. is a 36 bed Aged Care Facility in Minyip

We are looking for enthusiastic staff to join our Environmental Services Team working 21 hours per month.

Applicants must be 16 years age.

Successful applicants will be honest, reliable, responsible and be able to work well independently as a part of a team and follow directions.

This position will have a three month contract review.

Salary and conditions will be in accordance with the appropriate Awards

For further information and a copy of the position description, please contact Dunmunkle Lodge on Ph: 53857463

E-mail: [emma.hudson@dunmunklelodge.com.au](mailto:emma.hudson@dunmunklelodge.com.au)

Applications Close: 24<sup>th</sup> of February 2017

Environmental Services Supervisor

Dunmunkle Lodge Inc.

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## **Nicole Stewart**

Careers/VET Co-ordinator

Structured Workplace Learning

# Calendar of Events



February	24 <sup>th</sup>	Yr 12 English Study day (Horsham)
	26-28 <sup>th</sup>	VCAL Camp (Geelong)
	27 <sup>th</sup> - 1 <sup>st</sup> Mar	Yr 7 Camp (Cave Hill)
March	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Black Ranges Swim Sports (Warrack)
	2-3 <sup>rd</sup>	Yr 12 OES Camp (Halls Gap)
	6-7 <sup>th</sup>	Yr 10/11 OES Camp (Port Fairy)
	13 <sup>th</sup>	Labour Day (No School)

## Community Events



Empower a woman, empower a nation.

#myiwdbrekkie

International Women's Day  
 Event name: Breakfast, Thursday March 9th, 2017  
 Venue: Warracknabeal Neighbourhood House, 2 Cox St Warracknabeal  
 Time: 7.30am for Breakfast  
8.00am Guest Speaker Cost: FREE  
 Contact: Please register with Neighbourhood House for catering by 3/3/17  
 Phone: 5396 1360  
 Email: info@wnhlc.com.au







## CAMPS, SPORTS AND EXCURSIONS FUND (CSEF) APPLICATION FORM

School Name

School REF ID

### Parent/legal guardian details

Surname \_\_\_\_\_

First name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Town/suburb \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Postcode \_\_\_\_\_

Contact number \_\_\_\_\_

Centrelink pensioner concession **OR** Health care card number (CRN)

-  -  -  **OR**

☐ Foster parent\* **OR** ☐ Veterans affairs pensioner

\*Foster Parents must provide a copy of the temporary care order letter from the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS).

### Student details

Child's surname	Child's first name	Student ID	Date of birth (dd/mm/yyyy)	Year level

I authorise the Department of Education and Training (DET) to use Centrelink Confirmation eServices to perform an enquiry of my Centrelink customer details and concession card status in order to enable the business to determine if I qualify for a concession, rebate or service. I also authorise the Australian Government Department of Human Services (DHS) to provide the results of that enquiry to DET.

I understand that:

- DHS will use information I have provided to DET to confirm my eligibility for the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund and will disclose to DET personal information including my name, address, payment and concession card type and status.
- this consent, once signed, remains valid while my child is enrolled at a registered Victorian school unless I withdraw it by contacting the school.
- I can obtain proof of my circumstances/details from DHS and provide it to DET so that my eligibility for the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund can be determined.
- if I withdraw my consent or do not alternatively provide proof of my circumstances/details, I may not be eligible for the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund provided by DET.
- information regarding my eligibility for the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund may be disclosed to the Victorian Department of Health and Human Services and /or State Schools Relief for the purpose of evaluating concession card services or confirming eligibility for assistance.

You are able to request access to the personal information that we hold about you, and to request that any errors be corrected, by contacting your child's school.

Signature of applicant \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

